

# Meeting of the ADA Commission

## Minutes

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7:00 pm,

Location: Zoom

Attending: Denise Shea, Catherine Evans, Elijah Tucker, Brion Berghaus  
Guest: Julie Sutton

**1. Call to order: Denise motioned to start. Elijah seconded. Role call: Alijah, Catherine, Denise--all were in favor**

**2. Public Comment: none**

**3. Reports**

a. Chair's Report:

Elijah and Justin spoke about Building 3 of Maynard Crossing. The handicapped parking was positioned improperly in relation to the building entrance. The error will be corrected before a tenant moves in.

The submission date for the grant cycle for the MOD ADA improvement grants is August 2- October 8 (which is necessary for Maynard to complete its Transition Plan).

We can continue to meet virtually until April 1, 2022

Elijah will contact Greg about whether we can get an appointed town employee member

We can't ask for parking fines to be rerouted to the ADA until the State accepts our 8J status. Elijah will reach out to the Town Clerk to see if they have heard anything about our 8J being formalized with the State.

At Cumberland Farms people are parking in the handicapped parking loading (striped) section. Elijah took photos and reported it to the Maynard Police Department. The MPD recommended we take a picture of any violation we see, call the police, and wait for the police to arrive and to be a witness. (Brion spoke to Chief Noble and he said he would add extra patrols to that area to monitor the situation.)

b. Member's Report: None

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

a. Review Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Denise made a motion to approve minutes. Elijah seconded. Role call: Brion, Catherine, Elijah, and Denise approved with no edits.

b. Transition Plan:

Elijah proposed that we move ahead to work with Disability Access Consultants to help us write a grant (a quote) that we can then take to the State to get funding for the write up of the assessment of the Town's structures. We are not aware of any other company that provides this service and we are up against a deadline. Elijah made a motion to request the help of Disability Access Consultants for the 2022 fiscal year grant cycle to help the Town get the Transition Plan done. Brion seconded. Role: Denise, Catherine, Brion, and Elijah all approved.

c. Douglas Ave

Our guest Julie Sutton shared with us the difficulty her family is having using the crosswalk on Douglas Ave because of the lack of curb cuts and the condition of the sidewalk. Her son uses a wheelchair and they cannot cross safely. We have taken note and hope that we can help push funds, when we get them, toward this problem. It is unclear when the crosswalk was put and whether it's grandfathered in to be able to stay in its current condition. The crosswalk may have been moved over the last 3-5 years, so may not be grandfathered in. It was suggested that we reach out to Jeff Dougan of MOD to see if he has any advice.

Denise will reach out to Justin DeMarco (DPW) to see if we can come up with some solutions including diagonal crosswalk and extra signage. She will also send a note to Jeff Dougan. If Maynard's ADA can't get any resolution they will plan on sending a letter to the Selectboard.

d. Mission Statement

(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BQBq7HPAsQRIM9OEHDVqK7jqgNaU8gNgKBDiFdfgx0I/edit?usp=sharing>)

Denise will work to combine the two versions of the Mission Statement and send it back out to the membership for approval at our next meeting.

e. Commission By-Laws

Elijah motioned to table this item. Denise seconded. Role call: Elijah, Catherine, Brion, and Denise approved.

**5. Other Matters Properly Brought Before the Board** (Commission may vote) (subject to additions): None

**6. Set dates for a future meeting:** August 10, 2021, 7pm via Zoom.

**7. Adjourn:**

Brion motioned to adjourn the July meeting 8:40. Denise seconded. Role call: Elijah, Catherine, Brion, and Denise unanimously approved.

Approved on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, with a vote of 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elijah Tucker*

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Chair

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